

Building a Great Marriage

Text: (Peter 3:1-7)

Introduction:

- 1- Gen 1:27, 2:18-24. Matt 19:3-9. God is the creator, originator and designer of marriage and the home.
- 2- What is marriage?
 - a. Marriage is made up of imperfect people, who are committed to each other, diligently pursuing intimacy, living under the rule of God.
- 3- Your marriage and home can be great it is a choice that is in your hands.

Transition:

During this time we want to look at five blocks in the building and cementing of a good marriage and home.

Discussion:

- I- **Building Block One: Courtship.**
 - A- “More courting in marriage would mean fewer marriages in court.”
 - B- When people continue to court, it is saying, “What can I do to please you?”
 - 1- What advice could a father give? (**Prov 5:19**).
 - 2- The father was saying, “Son, keep the fire of love and romance glowing.” (Note : Song of Solomon).
- II- **Block Two, Communication.**
 - A- God created us to be communicators, not mind readers.
 - 1- (**Prov 13:17**).
 - B- A typical mistake is to assume that our mates’ needs are just like ours.
- III- **Block Three, Consideration.**
 - A- (**Peter 3: 7**) says, Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.
 - B- What is consideration? The Bible defines it in (**Phil. 2: 3-5**).
 - C- Notice these two verses about consideration. (**Prov. 19: 22; James 3:17**).
- IV- **Block Four, Compromise.**
 - A- One of the biggest myths is the myth of compatibility.
 - 1- I have known many good marriages but few compatible marriages.
 - 2- Do you know why we fight at home? (**James 4: 17**).
 - B- (**Romans 14: 19**) says, Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.

V- Block Five, Compassion.

A- Many marriages suffer from a cancer.

1- Resentment and bitterness can work as a cancer in a marriage.

2- (**Galatians 5**) Fruits of the Spirit.

B- Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you. (**Eph 4:32, 5**).

Conclusion:

1- Your marriage can be great.

2- If it's to be it's up to me!